

# Minutes

## FREMONT SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING

Friday, March 20, 2015

9:30 – 11:00 am

Fremont Senior Center – Wing A

40086 Paseo Padre Parkway

Fremont CA 94538

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Commissioner Churchill, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Commissioners Berndl, Churchill, Desai, Hobbs, Helton, Kimberlin, Mirchandani, Rhodes-Jones, Thomas, Vaidya, Walsh & Yamasaki

**Excused:** Commissioner Creveling

#### 3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- Commissioner Desai led the salute to the flag

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Special Meeting of February 27, 2015

- Commissioner Hobbs moved that the February 27, 2015 minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Helton seconded the motion.

**Yays:** Commissioner Berndl, Rhodes-Jones, Churchill, Hobbs, Yamasaki, Mirchandani, Helton, Kimberlin & Walsh.

**Nays:** None

**Abstained:** Commissioners Ashok & Vaidya

#### 5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Oral Communication

#### 6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Senior Commission Roster/Contact Information

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Alameda County Water District Rate Increase Concerns –**

Karen Grimsich, Administrator Aging and Family Services.

- Sharene Gonzles from Alameda County Water District was present and requested to address the Commission.
- Sharene shared information about Alameda County Water District.
- There was a time for questions, answers and comments.
- Sharene did encourage the Commissioners to contact her anytime via email. She also encouraged the Commission to send at least one representative to the public meeting on April 14 to share the Commissioners concerns.
- Commissioner Churchill, Chair; committed to attend the meeting.
- It was suggested by Commissioner Hobbs that any information we have concerning the price increase with ACWD be shared with the Union City and Newark Commissions since their seniors will be impacted as well as Fremont seniors.
- It was suggested that a letter be sent to ACWD, Karen offered to write the letter. The Commission agreed to have her do this.

### **7.2 Meeting with Newark/Union City Commissions –**

Commissioner Churchill, Chair

- Commissioner Churchill asked what the other Commissioners thought of the joint meeting.
- Commissioner Kimberlin stated that it would be good to do joint meetings twice a year.
- Commissioner Helton suggested that the Fremont Commissioners attend the other Commission's meetings.

- Karen said it would be good to pick an issue to look at together (i.e. water, housing).
- Commissioner Thomas suggested “Meet & Greet” – get to know our own seniors first. Come to the senior center at lunch.
- At this time, it was also suggested that the Fremont Commissioners need to be more visible. Possible ideas included: Putting a photo of the commission on Facebook (Lynn will verify if that is ok), Set-up a table in the lobby of the Senior Center so seniors can meet the commissioners face-to-face, – Take advantage of the different events here at the Center such as the Health Fair and volunteer.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Senior Commission Elections – Commissioner Churchill, Chair**

- It was explained by Karen Grimsich and Lynn Hood that the term for this election will be shorter since it is happening in March instead of January. This term will go from March – December 2015. A new election will be held in January 2016.
- Commissioner Churchill opened up the floor for nominations for Chair.
- Commissioner Berndl nominated that Commissioner Churchill be elected to continue as Chair through December 2014.
- Commissioner Churchill accepted the nomination.
- Being there were no additional nominations, the nominations were closed by Commissioner Churchill and she called for a vote.
- It was voted unanimously that Commissioner Churchill continue as Chair through December 2014.
  - Yay: Commissioners Berndl, Churchill, Desia, Hobbs, Helton, Kimberlin, Mirchandani, Rhodes-Jones, Thomas, Vaidya, Walsh & Yamasaki
  - Nay: None
  - Abstain: None
- Commissioner Churchill opened up nominations for Co-Chair.
- Commissioner Berndl nominated that Commissioner Hobbs continue as Co-Chair through December 2014.
- Commissioner Hobbs accepted the nomination.
- Being there were no additional nominations, the nominations were closed by Commissioner Churchill and she call for a vote.

- It was voted unanimously that Commissioner Hobbs continue as Co-Chair through December 2014
  - Yay: Commissioners Berndt, Churchill, Desia, Hobbs, Helton, Kimberlin, Mirchandani, Rhodes-Jones, Thomas, Vaidya, Walsh & Yamasaki
  - Nay: None
  - Abstain: None

## **9. COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **9.1 Health Issues – Commissioner Helton**

- Commissioner Helton shared information on how important it is that people have their final paperwork/advanced directives in order and where you can get advanced directives.
- Karen shared information on the panel for end of life choices scheduled for June 3.

### **9.2 Senior Legislation – Commissioner Thomas**

- Commissioner Thomas shared information on California Commission on Aging, established in 1981.
- Commissioner Thomas talked about the meetings in Sacramento. He stated that this would be a good place for our Commission to go periodically.
- It was requested that the mission statement be reviewed at the April or May meeting.

## **10. COMMISSION REFERRALS**

None

## **11. STAFF REPORTS**

### **11.1 Aging and Family Services – Karen Grimsich, Administrator AFS**

- No report given

### **11.2 Senior Center – Linda Olla, Senior Center Manager**

- Linda thanked everyone who participated in the Crab Feed. She shared that \$32,000 was brought in and that the Senior Center netted more than \$20,000.

- Linda invited all the Commissioners to the Volunteer Event being held on April 29.
- Linda announced that there is a new Hearing Aid Service starting in April. It is a free service and will occur once a month by appointment.
- There are still openings for the Levi Stadium Trip. Anyone interested in signing up should do it soon.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn R Hood, Recording Secretary.